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INDEX AND SUMMARY OF S. 3314

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June 6, 1956	Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee ordered S. 3314 reported without amendment.
June 7, 1956	Senate reported S. 3314 without amendment. Senate Report 2153. Print of bill and S. Rept. 2153.
June 11, 1956	S. 3314 passed Senate without amendment. Print of bill in Congressional Record.
June 13, 1956	Senate referred S. 3314 to House Agriculture Committee. Print of bill as referred.
July 25, 1956	House Committee on Agriculture reported S. 3314 without amendment. H. Rept. 2923. Print of bill and H. Rept. 2923.
July 26, 1956	House passed S. 3314 without amendment.
Aug. 3, 1956	Approved: Public Law 963- 84th Congress.

DIGEST OF PUBLIC LAW 963

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (approved August 3, 1956). Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation, Members of the Committee, other than ex officio members, shall not be deemed to be employees of the U. S. and shall not receive compensation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 29, 1956

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5 servation and related matters, but such Committee members
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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate confirmed nomination of Seaton as Interior Secretary. Senate passed independent offices and general government matters appropriation bills. Senate committees reported bills to extend emergency farm-loan law, merge intermediate credit banks and poc's, and continue export control. Senate committee voted to report bills to repeal authority of FFMC to issue bonds, authorize feeding of CCC grain to waterfowl, approve an interstate forest fire compact, authorize land purchase in Cache Forest, require census data by economic class of farm, amend penal provision of CCC Charter Act, extend date for tobacco quota, authorize land exchanges with Defense Dept., eliminate requirement for quarantine notice, continue ACP, pay expenses of soil-water conservation advisory committee. Senate committee approved procedures to select site of animal disease laboratory, also 5 watershed reports. Senate passed rural libraries bill. House debated mutual security bill. Sen. Carlson suggested location of animal disease laboratory at Manhattan, Kans. Sen. (continued on page 5)

SENATE

1. NOMINATION of Frederick A. Seaton, to be Secretary of the Interior, was confirmed. p. 8632
2. GENERAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS APPROPRIATION BILL, 1957. Passed as reported this bill, H. R. 9536. Senate conferees were appointed. p. 8653
3. INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1957. Passed with amendments this bill, H. R. 9739. Senate conferees were appointed. p. 8653
Agreed to an amendment by Sen. Young to increase from \$100,000 to \$200,000 the amount for a survey of records management activities (p. 8659). Agreed to an amendment by Sen. Humphrey to strike out the prohibition against FTC statistical analyses of the consumer's dollar (p. 8661). Sen. Humphrey commended the work of the National Science Foundation (p. 8661).
4. FARM LOANS. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee reported with amendment

S. 3559, to amend the act of Aug. 31, 1954, so as to extend the availability of emergency credit to farmers and stockmen (S. Rept. 2144). p. 8634

This Committee also reported with amendments H. R. 10285, to merge production credit corporations in Federal intermediate credit banks, to provide for retirement of Government capital in Federal intermediate credit banks, and to provide for supervision of production credit associations (S. Rept. 2145). p. 8634

This Committee also voted to report S. 2530, to repeal the authority of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to issue bonds. p. D576

5. EXPORT CONTROL. The Banking and Currency Committee reported with amendments H. R. 9052, to continue the Export Control Act for an additional 2 years (S. Rept. 2147). p. 8634

6. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE voted to report the following bills: ~~S. 2732, to authorize the Interior Department to feed CCC grain to waterfowl; S. 3032, approving the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact; S. 3132, providing for purchase of lands in the Cache National Forest; S. 3145, to require the Census Bureau to develop farm income data by economic class of farm; S. 3669, to amend the penal provision of the CCC Charter Act; S. 3261, to extend from Dec. 1 to Feb. 1 the date by which the national marketing quota for certain types of tobacco must be announced; S. 2572, authorizing exchange of forest lands, etc., with the Defense Department; S. 2885, to authorize exchange of a land tract at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center; S. 3046, to eliminate the requirement that the Secretary of Agriculture notify officials of carriers of livestock of the existence of a contagion quarantine; S. 3120, to continue Federal administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program; S. 3314, authorizing payment of expenses of the Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation; and S. 3344, authorizing conveyance to Alaska of certain lands in Sitka known as Baranof Castle site. The committee also approved (1) procedures outlined by USDA to set up an advisory committee to select a site for additional animal research facilities at a location other than Beltsville, and (2) the following 5 watershed projects: Little Wewoka-Graves Creek, Okla.; Big Wewoka, Okla.; Cummins Creek, Tex.; Upper Brushy Creek, Tex.; and Lower Brushy Creek, Tex. p. D576~~

7. PERSONNEL. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee reported without amendment S. 3681, to increase to \$5,000 the total amount a person may earn when holding more than one Federal job, without coming under the restriction of the dual compensation law (S. Rept. 2143). p. 8634

8. ANIMAL RESEARCH. Sen. Carlson suggested location of the animal disease laboratory at Manhattan, Kans. p. 8639

9. WHEAT. Sen. Carlson discussed the results of a survey by the Uhlmann Grain Co. regarding the 2-price wheat plan. p. 8639

10. POULTRY INSPECTION. Sen. Morse spoke in favor of legislation to require poultry inspection. p. 8642

11. TRANSPORTATION. Sen. Morse recommended that ICC hold a hearing on the freight-car shortage. p. 8670

Sen. Humphrey requested ICC to do what it can to alleviate the box-car shortage. p. 8677

12. FOREIGN AID. Sen. Humphrey inserted an article by Max Millikan and Walter Rostow recommending revamping of the foreign aid program. p. 8674

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HIGHLIGHTS: House debated foreign aid bill. House concurred in Senate amendments to general Government matters appropriation bill. Ready for President. House Committee submitted report on REA and Interior power policies. Senate committee reported bills to authorize USDA land exchanges with Defense, continue ACP, pay expenses of soil-water conservation advisory committee, authorize feeding of CCC grain to waterfowl, amend penal provision of CCC Charter Act, repeal FPMC authority to issue bonds, approve inter state forest fire compact, eliminate requirement for notice of animal quarantine, require census data on class of farm, change date for proclaiming tobacco quota. Senate received nomination of Hamil to REA. Senate committee ordered reported bills to improve budgeting and accounting methods and procedures and to facilitate payment of obligations.

HOUSE

1. FOREIGN AID. Continued debate on H. R. 11356, the mutual security authorization bill. p. 8810
2. APPROPRIATIONS. Concurred in the Senate amendments to H. R. 9536, the general Government matters appropriation bill for 1957. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 8810
House conferees were appointed on H. R. 10003, the D. C. appropriation bill for 1957. p. 8854 (Senate conferees were appointed June 5.)
3. FOREIGN TRADE. Both Houses received from the President a report on actions under the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act (H. Doc. 421); to House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee. pp. 8755, 8856
Rep. Byrd spoke in opposition to the Organization for Trade Cooperation. p. 8857
4. ELECTRIFICATION. The Government Operations Committee submitted a report on the

effect of Interior Department and RFA policies on public-power preferred customers (H. Rept. 2279). p. 8862

5. WATER POLLUTION; POSTAL RATES. The Rules Committee reported resolutions for consideration of H. R. 11380, to readjust postal rates, and H. R. 9540, to extend the Water Pollution Control Act. p. 8857
6. PUBLIC LANDS. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported with amendment H. R. 5712, to provide that the U. S. hold in trust for the Pueblos of Zia and Jemez a part of the Ojo del Espiritu Santo Grant and a small area of public domain adjacent thereto (H. Rept. 2281). p. 8862

SENATE

7. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY Committee reported the following bills: (p. 8757)
 - S. 2572, to authorize the interchange of lands between USDA and the Defense Department; without amendment (S. Rept. 2152).
 - S. 2585, to authorize exchange of a land tract at the Beltsville Research Center (S. Rept. 2155); without amendment.
 - S. 3120, to continue for 2 additional years Federal administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program; without amendment (S. Rept. 2154).
 - S. 3314, to authorize payment of expenses of the Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation; without amendment (S. Rept. 2153).
 - S. 2732, to authorize the Interior Department to obtain CCC grain for feeding to waterfowl to prevent depredations; with amendment (S. Rept. 2156).
 - S. 3669, to amend the penal provision of the CCC Charter Act (S. Rept. 2157); with amendment.
 - S. 2530, to repeal the authority of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to issue bonds; with amendments (S. Rept. 2158).
 - S. 3032, approving the Middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact; with amendments (S. Rept. 2159).
 - S. 3046, to eliminate the requirement for certain notices of animal quarantine; with amendments (S. Rept. 2160).
 - S. 3145, to require the Census Bureau to develop farm income data by economic class of farm (S. Rept. 2161); with amendments.
 - S. 3261, to change the date by which certain tobacco quotas must be announced each year; with amendment (S. Rept. 2151).
 - S. 3344, to authorize USDA to convey to Alaska certain lands in Sitka known as Baranof Castle site; without amendment (S. Rept. 2150).
8. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS Committee ordered reported H. R. 7227, to provide for donation of surplus property for civil defense purposes; H. R. 7855, extending temporary authority of GSA to dispose of surplus property by negotiation to July 31, 1958; S. 3362, to simplify accounting and facilitate the payment of obligations; S. 3397, to improve governmental budgeting and accounting methods and procedures; H. R. 10417, to amend the Federal Register Act regarding public proclamations in a period following an attack upon the U. S.; S. 3843, to adjust the application of Sec. 322 of the Economy Act of 1932 to premises leased for Government purposes. p. D587
9. WATER DEVELOPMENT. Sen. Watkins inserted and commended an address by Reclamation Commissioner Dexheimer on the future of multiple-purpose river development. p. 8803
10. NOMINATION. Sen. Watkins commended the nomination of Fred A. Seaton to be Secretary of the Interior and inserted newspaper editorials on this subject. p. 8806

EXPENSES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SOIL AND
WATER CONSERVATION

JUNE 7 (legislative day, June 4), 1956.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. ELLENDER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3314]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3314) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This bill authorizes payment of the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation. Such a committee now exists, being composed of 18 members who serve without compensation and pay their own travel and subsistence expenses. The Department estimates the annual expenses of the committee at about \$5,000. They would continue to serve without compensation.

DEPARTMENTAL VIEWS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, February 17, 1956.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,
United States Senate.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: There is enclosed for the consideration of the Congress a draft of a bill entitled "A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation."

The Department recommends enactment of legislation along the lines of the enclosed draft.

A substantial part of the activities of the Department of Agriculture is concerned either wholly or partially with soil- and water-conservation problems. The Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural

Research Service, Federal Extension Service, Agricultural Conservation Program Service, Forest Service and Farmers Home Administration all have activities related to it and other agencies of the Department also have interest in it.

Because of these broad interests and activities of the Department, there has been established a formal Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation to function on a continuing basis. From this Committee the Department is asking for objective evaluation and constructive suggestions for program need and development, together with like consideration of the entire area of soil and water conservation as it is affected by the Department's work in the discharge of its directly or indirectly concerned responsibilities.

It is a small working Committee of 18 members representing a broad range of soil- and water-conservation interests throughout the United States. Membership is primarily on the basis of individual persons with organizational affiliation given secondary consideration. Committee members are appointed for 3-year terms, with appointments staggered so that one-third of the members will be new by appointment each year. The Committee meets at least once each year.

Members of this Committee serve without compensation, and at the present time the Department is compelled to ask them to carry the financial burden of their travel costs and subsistence expenses while serving in an advisory capacity.

Although the Department believes that the Federal Government should pay the travel and subsistence expenses of the members of this Committee while serving in an advisory capacity, it lacks the legal authority for such expenditure of funds. The purpose of the attached draft is to provide the necessary authority. It is expected that the annual expenditure ordinarily would amount to about \$5,000.

In view of the importance of soil and water conservation to the national economy, the significance of the Department of Agriculture's activities in this field, and the desirability of Advisory Committee membership not being limited as a practical matter to only those individuals in position to arrange without undue burden for the expenses of serving, it is recommended that the Congress give favorable consideration to this proposed legislation.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this proposed legislation and explanatory letter to the Congress for its consideration.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE,
Acting Secretary.



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84TH CONGRESS
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S. 3314

[Report No. 2153]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 29, 1956

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HIGHLIGHTS: House passed mutual security bill. Senate passed bills to: Extend emergency credit to farmers and stockmen. Extend date for tobacco quota. Ready for President. Pay expenses of soil-water conservation advisory committee. Continue ACP. Authorize feeding of CCC grain to waterfowl. Repeal FFMC authority to issue bonds. Approve interstate forest fire compact. Require census data on class of farm. Amend penal provisions of CCC Charter Act. Eliminate requirement for notice of animal quarantine. Both Houses agreed to conference report on State-Justice appropriation bill. Ready for President. Senate committee reported (June 8) public works appropriation bill. Rep. Hope introduced bill to authorize certain point-of-order items.

HOUSE

1. FOREIGN AID. Passed with amendments H. R. 11356, the mutual security bill, by a vote of 275 to 122. p. 9012 (For provisions of interest to this Department, see Digests 89 and 95.)
2. APPROPRIATIONS. Both Houses agreed to the conference report on H. R. 10721, the State, Justice, and Judiciary appropriation bill for 1957. pp. 8975, 9059. The House agreed to the Senate amendment providing certain administrative funds for the Passamaquoddy Tidal Power project. This bill is now ready for the President.
3. MONOPOLIES. Passed with amendment H. R. 1840, to strengthen the Robinson-Patman Act and amend the antitrust law prohibiting price discrimination (p. 9013). Agreed to an amendment by Rep. Patman to substitute the title and preamble of H. R. 11, a similar bill, for the title of H. R. 1840 (p. 9041).
4. TEXTILE IMPORTS. Rep. Flynt inserted a telegram to the Tariff Commission urging that the peril point and escape clause provisions of the Trade Agreements Act be invoked on certain imported textile products to protect the domestic textile industry. p. 9061

5. ELECTRIFICATION. Rep. Radwan urged that construction of power facilities be started as soon as possible and that the ownership of the plant be settled while the power facility is being constructed. p. 9062
6. FLOOD CONTROL. Both Houses received from the Budget Bureau certain plans for works of improvement under sec. 5 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act; to the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee and the House Agriculture Committee. pp. 8926, 9063
7. RECLAMATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported with amendment H. R. 7726, to authorize the construction of the Crooked River Federal reclamation project, Ore. (H. Rept. 2305). p. 9063
8. LIBRARIES. The Health and Science Subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee ordered reported to the full committee H. R. 11524, to establish a National Library of Medicine. p. D606

SENATE

9. TOBACCO. Passed without amendment H. R. 9475, to extend the time for announcing marketing quotas for tobacco, except flue-cured tobacco, from November 30 to January 31 of each year. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 8961
10. FARM LOANS. Passed as reported S. 3559, to extend for 2 years the act of Aug. 31, 1954, authorizing emergency loans to farmers and stockmen, and to increase the limitation from \$15 million to \$50 million. p. 8960
Passed as reported S. 2530, to repeal the authority of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to issue bonds, permit the Corporation to use amounts received annually from the bulk sale of its assets to the Federal land banks to pay its costs of liquidation, and require the remaining stock of the Corporation to be paid into the Treasury. p. 8963
11. RESEARCH LANDS. Passed with amendment S. 3344, to authorize this Department to convey to Alaska a land tract at Sitka which was formerly used for experimental purposes. Agreed to an amendment by Sen. Morse consisting of a reverter clause p. 8961
12. SOIL-WATER CONSERVATION. Passed without amendment S. 3314, to authorize payment of the expenses of the Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation. p. 8962
13. AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM. Passed without amendment S. 3120, to continue for 2 years (through Dec. 31, 1959) Federal administration of this Program. p. 8962
14. LAND EXCHANGE. Passed without amendment S. 2585, to authorize exchange of a land tract at the Beltsville Research Center. p. 8962
15. CCC GRAIN. Passed H. R. 7641, to authorize Interior Department use of CCC grain to feed waterfowl, with an amendment to substitute the language of S. 2732 as reported. p. 8962
16. FORESTRY. Passed as reported S. 3032, to approve the Middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact. p. 8964
17. CENSUS. Passed as reported S. 3145, to require the Census Bureau to develop farm income data by economic class of farm. p. 8966

BILLS PASSED OVER

The bill (H. R. 10285) to merge production credit corporations in Federal intermediate credit banks, to provide for retirement of Government capital in Federal intermediate credit banks, to provide for supervision of production credit associations, and for other purposes was announced as next in order.

Mr. BIBLE. Mr. President, I ask that the bill be passed over. It is not a bill which should appropriately be considered upon a call of the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over.

The bill (S. 3982) to provide for the maintenance of production of tungsten, asbestos, fluorspar, and columbium-tantalum in the United States, its Territories, and possessions, and for other purposes was announced as next in order.

Mr. PURTELL. Mr. President, since the amount involved in this bill will ultimately be approximately \$89 million, in the opinion of the Senator from Connecticut, it is not appropriate for consideration upon a call of the calendar. However, I have no objection to the bill. I hope it will be taken up on motion, at which time I shall be glad to vote for it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over.

The bill (H. R. 9052) to amend the Export Control Act of 1949 to continue for an additional period of 2 years the authority provided thereunder for the regulation of exports was announced as next in order.

Mr. ERVIN. Mr. President, I ask that the bill be passed over, on the ground that it is not appropriate for consideration upon a call of the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over.

BILL PASSED TO FOOT OF THE CALENDAR

The bill (S. 3363) for the relief of Miroslav Slovak was announced as next in order.

Mr. PURTELL. Mr. President, we have no report on the bill; and for that reason, and that reason alone, I ask that the bill be passed over.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senator from Connecticut withhold his objection for a moment? The Chair notes that the Senator from North Carolina is seeking recognition.

Mr. PURTELL. I am very happy to withhold my objection.

Mr. ERVIN. There is a report on the bill. It may be that the Senator will be willing to ask that the bill go to the foot of the calendar, rather than be passed over.

Mr. PURTELL. I have no objection to the bill going to the foot of the calendar. However, the report was not available when we went through the calendar today, as late as 12 o'clock.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Connecticut ask that the bill go to the foot of the calendar?

Mr. PURTELL. I ask that the bill be passed to the foot of the calendar, in the hope that we may have time to study the

report before the end of the calendar is reached.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will go to the foot of the calendar.

LT. COMDR. MORTIMER T. CLEMENT

The bill (H. R. 4873) for the relief of Lt. Comdr. Mortimer T. Clement, Medical Corps, United States Navy, retired, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LANDS IN ALASKA

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 3344) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the Territory of Alaska certain lands in the city of Sitka, known as Baranof Castle site.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, I offer the amendment which I send to the desk and ask to have stated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment offered by the Senator from Oregon will be stated.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. On page 2, lines 4 and 5, it is proposed to strike out: "within a period of 25 years from the date of the conveyance"; and on page 2, lines 8 and 9, to strike out "without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment offered by the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MORSE].

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, may we have an explanation of the amendment?

Mr. MORSE. All it means is that if the lands are not used for the purposes for which they are held, they will revert to the United States. I see no reason why we should limit the reversion to a period of 25 years from the date of conveyance as the period of time within which the lands may not be used for other purposes. Let Congress decide 25 years from now what disposition it may wish to make of the lands, if it is desired to use them for purposes other than those set forth in the conveyance.

I have no objection to the conveyance, but I believe that the reverter should be general, and should not give the Territory of Alaska the right to hold the lands for 25 years for a certain purpose, and then cease to use them for that purpose, without the lands reverting to the United States after a period of 25 years.

Mr. ELLENDER. As I understand, the purpose of the amendment is that if the Territory of Alaska does not use the land for the purposes intended, even after the period of 25 years, the land will revert to the United States.

Mr. MORSE. That is correct.

Mr. ELLENDER. I have no objection to the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment offered by the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MORSE].

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in

the RECORD at this point a brief explanation of the bill.

There being no objection, the explanation was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EXPLANATION OF S. 3344

This bill would clarify the title to a small tract in Alaska (slightly in excess of 1½ acres) by providing for its conveyance to the Territory of Alaska. This tract, the Baranof Castle site, was the scene in 1867 of the transfer of Alaska from Russia to the United States and is desired by the Territory to be developed as an historic site. The tract was "transferred" to the city of Sitka in 1932 subject to the condition that if it should ever be transferred, or used for commercial purposes, title would revert to the United States. The city of Sitka wishes to transfer its interest to the Territory, but there is some doubt as to the nature of the interest held by the city and whether title would revert to the United States if the city attempted to transfer the tract to the Territory. This bill would clear up these questions by transferring the interest of the United States to the Territory, subject to reversion to the United States if the Territory should attempt to transfer the tract.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill is open to further amendment. If there be no further amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; read the third time, and passed, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to convey, without reimbursement therefor, to the Territory of Alaska, for use as a historic monument site, all the right, title, and interest of the United States to the following described lands, containing 1,349 acres, more or less, and improvement thereon, known as the Baranof Castle site: The tract of land formerly occupied by the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station, more particularly shown on the plat of Sitka Townsite, Alaska, United States survey numbered 1474, tract A, approved April 2, 1925, as the United States Reserve for Agricultural Investigations and Weather Service: *Provided,* That if the Territory of Alaska shall attempt to transfer title to or control over these lands, or to devote them to a use other than as a historic monument site title thereto shall revert to the United States.

TOBACCO MARKETING QUOTA PROVISIONS

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 3261) to amend the tobacco marketing quota provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, which had been reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry with an amendment, on page 1, line 8, after the word "of", to strike out "tobacco," and insert "tobacco," so as to make the bill read:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 312 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1312), is amended (a) by inserting in subsection (a) immediately following the words "December 1 of any marketing year" the language "with respect to flue-cured tobacco, and February 1 of any marketing year with respect to other kinds of tobacco" and (b) by striking out in subsection (b) the words "prior to the first day of December" and inserting in lieu thereof the language "not later than the first day

of December with respect to flue-cured tobacco and not later than the first day of February with respect to other kinds of tobacco".

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. ELLENDER subsequently said: Mr. President, in connection with Calendar No. 2174, Senate bill 3261, which the Senate passed a few moments ago, I had overlooked the fact that a House bill in the same language was under consideration by the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

I therefore ask unanimous consent that the votes by which Senate bill 3261 was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, be reconsidered, in order that I may request consideration of the House bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the votes by which Senate bill 3261 was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, are reconsidered.

Mr. ELLENDER. I now ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry be discharged from the further consideration of House bill 9475, and that the Senate proceed to consider the House bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry is discharged from the further consideration of House bill 9475.

The bill will be stated by title for the information of the Senate.

The CHIEF CLERK. A bill (H. R. 9475) to amend the tobacco-marketing-quota provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, this bill would extend the time for announcing marketing quotas for tobacco, except flue-cured tobacco, from November 30 to January 31. The bulk of the tobacco crop each year is marketed by the middle of January so that much better information as to the size of the crop is available by the end of January than in November, which is the month when the tobacco begins moving to market. The marketing quota for the next crop can therefore be much more accurately determined in January. Inability to determine the proper quota in November made it necessary for Congress to provide for revision of the 1955 and 1956 quotas for burley tobacco after they had been announced. Passage of this bill, it is hoped, will avoid the need for such legislation by Congress in future years.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of House bill 9475?

There being no objection, the bill was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, Senate bill 3261 is indefinitely postponed.

BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (S. 2572) to authorize the interchange of lands between the Department of Agriculture and military departments of the Department of De-

fense, and for other purposes, was announced as next in order.

Mr. PURTELL. I ask that the bill be passed over.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over.

EXPENSES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

The bill (S. 3314) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an advisory committee on soil and water conservation was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

Be it enacted etc., That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to pay expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation and related matters, but such Committee members (other than ex officio members) shall not be deemed to be employees of the United States and shall not receive compensation.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at this point a statement explaining the bill that has just been passed.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EXPLANATION OF S. 3314

This bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of the Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation. The Commission's expenses are incurred in furnishing advice to the Department and properly should be borne by the Government. The members of the Commission serve without compensation and will continue to do so. It is further in the interests of the Department that membership on the Commission not be restricted to those able to bear the expense involved in serving on it. The Department estimates that the annual expenditure provided by the bill would be about \$5,000.

AMENDMENT OF SOIL CONSERVATION AND DOMESTIC ALLOTMENT ACT

The bill (S. 3120) to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. HRUSKA. Mr. President, may we have an explanation of the bill?

Mr. ELLENDER. This is the usual extension for 2 years, to December 31, 1958, of the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to make soil conservation payments. The Secretary was given this authority in 1936, for 2 years, to give the States an opportunity to enact legislation and submit suitable plans for State programs. Twenty-four States and 2 insular areas have enacted laws providing for such programs. The remainder have not acted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the bill was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time and passed, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590h), is amended by striking out of subsection (a) "January 1, 1957" and "December 31, 1956", wherever they appear therein, and inserting in lieu thereof "January 1, 1959" and "December 31, 1958", respectively.

EXCHANGE OF ISOLATED PARCELS, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER

The bill (S. 2585) to authorize an exchange of land at the Agricultural Research Center was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, if I may have the attention of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. ELLENDER], I am correct in understanding that all that is involved is a transaction in which the Federal Government is exchanging certain land for land of at least equal value?

Mr. ELLENDER. The Senator is correct. It is land of at least equal value. In fact, it is more valuable, because the land which the Federal Government is obtaining consist of 3,126 square feet, for which it is exchanging 1,375 square feet. The dedication of a road cut these small parcels off from larger parcels of which they were parts, and the exchange would result in their incorporation in larger parcels to which they are adjacent.

Mr. MORSE. I commend the Senator from Louisiana for his explanation. I have no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the bill was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time and passed, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to convey by quitclaim deed to the Powder Mill Development Co., Inc., a parcel of land containing approximately 1,375 square feet and located on the northerly side of Selman Road, Prince Georges County, Md., and separated from the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md., by Selman Road and Cherry Hill Road, in exchange for that parcel of land now owned by the Powder Mill Development Co., Inc., containing approximately 3,126 square feet and located on the southerly side of the said Selman Road, Prince Georges County, Md., and adjoining other lands of the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md., *Provided*, That the lands so acquired from the Powder Mill Development Co., Inc., may be acquired subject to such reservations and outstanding interests as the Secretary determines will not interfere with the use thereof in connection with the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md.

CROP DEPREDATIONS BY WATER-FOWL

The bill (S. 2732) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with Federal and non-Federal agencies in the

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JUNE 13, 1956

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7 employees of the United States and shall not receive
8 compensation.

Passed the Senate June 11, 1956.

Attest:

FELTON M. JOHNSTON,

Secretary.

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for governmental purposes other than for the benefit of public schools and roads (H. Rept. 2924). p. 13256

The Government Operations Committee agreed to issue (but did not issue) a report on Federal Timber Sales Policies. p. D884

33. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment S. 3314, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation (H. Rept. 2923). p. 13256
34. **SEEDS.** Agreed to the Senate amendments to H. R. 11522, to provide for the extension of certain provisions of Federal laws, including the Federal Seed Act, the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, and wildlife restoration authorities, to Guam. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 13124
35. **LANDS.** Agreed to the Senate amendments to H. R. 4096, to provide for the disposal of public lands within highway, telephone, and pipeline withdrawals in Alaska, subject to appropriate easements. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 13125
- The Agriculture Committee ordered reported (but did not actually report) H. R. 9640, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release certain restrictions on the real property heretofore conveyed to the West Marks Baptist Church of Quitman County, Miss. p. D883
36. **EDUCATION; SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.** Agreed to the Senate amendments to H. R. 11695, to extend until June 30, 1958, the programs of financial assistance in the construction and operation of schools in areas affected by Federal activities under the provisions of Public Laws 815 and 874, 81st Congress. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 13125
37. **PROPERTY.** The Government Operations Committee agreed to issue a report (but did not actually issue a report) on Improper Use of Federal Equipment. p. D884
38. **COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION.** The Government Operations Committee agreed to issue a report (but did not actually issue a report) on Purchase Resale Transactions of the Commodity Credit Corporation. p. D884
39. **TEXTILES; IMPORTS.** Rep. Philbin criticized the increased importation of Japanese textiles and the sale of surplus cotton to Japanese manufacturers and urged administrative relief for the domestic textile producers. p. 13243
- Rep. Rogers inserted several newspaper editorials protesting the importation of Japanese textile products and the alleged inadequacies of administrative relief for domestic textile manufacturers. p. 13248
40. **MINING.** The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported with amendment S. 3941, relating to certain mining claims which were eligible for validation under the Act of August 12, 1953, but which were not validated solely because of the failure of the owners to take certain action to protect their claims within the prescribed period (H. Rept. 2912). p. 13256
41. **POSTAL SERVICE.** The Government Operations Committee issued a report on public opinion survey to influence postal rate legislation (H. Rept. 2914). p. 13256
42. **ROADS.** The Public Works Committee ordered reported, (but did not actually report) S. 4164, to provide for the appointment of a Federal Highway Administrator in the Bureau of Public Roads and one additional Assistant Secretary of Commerce. p. D884

43. RECLAMATION; ELECTRIFICATION. The Rules Committee reported a resolution for consideration of H. R. 412, to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance by the Secretary of the Interior of the Fryingpan-Arkansas project, Colorado. p. 13256
44. FARM PROGRAM. Rep. Madden reviewed the record of the Democratic Party in the 84th Congress, and criticized the Administration's farm policies and programs. p. 13249
Rep. Stagers reviewed the situation of the family-size farm and criticized the Administration's farm program and policy as being detrimental to the interests of the small farmer. p. 13251
45. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. Agreed to a resolution to permit the consideration of conference reports the same day as reported and to permit the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules at any time. p. 13130
Rep. McCormack announced the following program: Thurs., Consent and Private Calendars, the cranberries marketing bill, and the mineral leasing amendment to promote phosphate development bill. p. 13234

BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

46. FORESTRY. S. 2517, amends subsection 3 (a) of the Act approved August 8, 1947, to: (1) make available to Territory of Alaska 25 percent of receipts from the sale of timber from the Tongass National Forest hereafter received or heretofore received and now held in special deposit account; (2) make available 10 percent of such receipts to the Department for road and trail work in the national forests in Alaska; (3) retain 65 percent of receipts in the special deposit account until possessory rights of Alaska natives to land and timber are determined; (4) provide that the Territory pay to the U. S. 25 percent of moneys required to satisfy possessory claims up to a maximum of the total amount received by the Territory from the U. S. as its share of national forest receipts under the 25 percent receipts act of March 23, 1908; and (5) provide that such payments by the Territory be effected to extent possible by deductions from payment due the Territory under the 25 percent receipts act. Approved July 24, 1956 (Public Law 758, 84th Congress).
47. SOIL CONSERVATION. S. 3120, to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act so as to extend the authority of the Secretary to make soil conservation payments for an additional 2 years, through December 31, 1958. Approved July 24, 1956 (Public Law 756, 84th Congress).
48. FUTURES TRADING. H. R. 9333, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act by broadening the statutory definition of bona fide hedging so as to exempt from the application of speculative trading and position limits, subject to administrative regulations, the purchase of commodity futures by a processor or manufacturer in an amount not in excess of his unfilled anticipated requirements for an operating season. Under present requirements of the statute, purchases of commodity futures may not be classified as bona fide hedging unless offset by fixed price sales requirements. Approved July 24, 1956 (Public Law 778, 84th Congress).
49. FORESTRY. H. R. 8898, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase lands within the boundaries of the Cache National Forest, Utah, under the act of May 11, 1938 to facilitate the control of soil erosion and flood damage originating upon such lands. An appropriation not to exceed \$200,000 to remain available

EXPENSES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

JULY 25, 1956.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. COOLEY, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 3314]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3314) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize payment of expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation. Such a committee now exists, being composed of 18 members who serve without compensation and pay their own travel and subsistence payments. Estimated annual cost is approximately \$5,000. The Committee would continue to serve without compensation.

Such legislation was requested by the Department of Agriculture in an executive communication dated February 17, 1956. In the committee, consideration was had jointly of the Senate bill herewith reported and two identical House bills (H. R. 9478 by Mr. Cooley and H. R. 9479 by Mr. Hope).

Following is the text of the Senate report setting out in some detail the need for the legislation:

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3314) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This bill authorizes payment of the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation. Such a committee now exists, being composed of 18 members who serve

without compensation and pay their own travel and subsistence expenses. The Department estimates the annual expenses of the committee at about \$5,000. They would continue to serve without compensation.

DEPARTMENTAL VIEWS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, February 17, 1956.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,
United States Senate.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: There is enclosed for the consideration of the Congress a draft of a bill entitled "A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation."

The Department recommends enactment of legislation along the lines of the enclosed draft.

A substantial part of the activities of the Department of Agriculture is concerned either wholly or partially with soil- and water-conservation problems. The Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Research Service, Federal Extension Service, Agricultural Conservation Program Service, Forest Service and Farmers Home Administration all have activities related to it and other agencies of the Department also have interest in it.

Because of these broad interests and activities of the Department, there has been established a formal Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation to function on a continuing basis. From the Committee the Department is asking for objective evaluation and constructive suggestions for program need and development, together with like consideration of the entire area of soil and water conservation as it is affected by the Department's work in the discharge of its directly or indirectly concerned responsibilities.

It is a small working Committee of 18 members representing a broad range of soil- and water-conservation interests throughout the United States. Membership is primarily on the basis of individual persons with organizational affiliation given secondary consideration. Committee members are appointed for 3-year terms, with appointments staggered so that one-third of the members will be new by appointment each year. The Committee meets at least once each year.

Members of this Committee serve without compensation, and at the present time the Department is compelled to ask them to carry the financial burden of their travel costs and subsistence expenses while serving in an advisory capacity.

Although the Department believes that the Federal Government should pay the travel and subsistence expenses of the members of this Committee while serving in an advisory capacity, it lacks the legal authority for such expenditure of funds. The purpose of the attached draft is to provide the necessary authority. It is expected that

the annual expenditure ordinarily would amount to about \$5,000.

In view of the importance of soil and water conservation to the national economy, the significance of the Department of Agriculture's activities in this field, and the desirability of Advisory Committee membership not being limited as a practical matter to only those individuals in position to arrange without undue burden for the expenses of serving, it is recommended that the Congress give favorable consideration to this proposed legislation.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this proposed legislation and explanatory letter to the Congress for its consideration.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE,
Acting Secretary.

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16. RESEARCH. Sen. Capehart inserted his statement concerning his proposed bill (S. 3503) to establish a research program for the purpose of developing ~~in-~~recreased industrial uses of agricultural products. p. 13402
17. TRANSPORTATION. Sen. Kefauver inserted and commented on an ICC report relative to increased freight rates. p. 13426
18. ELECTRIFICATION. Sen. Gore and others spoke of the need for new energy sources. p. 13431
19. VETERANS' BENEFITS. Sen. Hill inserted an article and commented on the expiration of the GI Bill of Rights. p. 13443
20. RECLAMATION. Passed as reported S. 3468, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to amend certain contracts for furnishing water to the city of Rapid City, S. Dak. p. 13450
21. PATENTS. Sen. Thye inserted his statement urging passage of H. R. 2128, to provide for the extension of patents. p. 13450
22. FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Sen. Mansfield concluded his series of remarks on U. S. foreign policy. p. 13375
Sen. George inserted a summary of the treaties, bills and resolutions acted upon favorably by the Foreign Relations Committee. p. 13409
23. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. Sen. Magnuson announced that the conference report on the fisheries bill (S. 3275) would be called up for consideration today. p. 13461

HOUSE

24. FOREIGN AID. Agreed to the conference report on H. R. 12130, the mutual security appropriation bill for 1957. Action on the amendments in disagreement consisted of the following: Amended the Senate amendment by providing that not less than \$18.5 million of the \$50 million grant to Spain be used for agricultural commodities (instead of not less than one-half, as provided in the Senate amendment), and receded and concurred in the other two amendments in disagreement. p. 13484
25. CROP INSURANCE. Passed as reported H. R. 5275, to authorize FCIC reinsurance on any crop or plantation insurance provided in Puerto Rico by a duly authorized agency of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. p. 13487
26. APPROPRIATIONS. Conferees were appointed, the conference report was received, and agreed to, on H. R. 12350, the second supplemental appropriation bill for 1957. (H. Rept. 2941). (See attached table regarding USDA items. The bill also includes \$150,000 for the Commission on Increased Industrial Use of Agricultural Products. pp. 13498, 13587, D893
27. SOCIAL SECURITY. Received and agreed to the conference report on H. R. 7225, to amend and revise title II of the Social Security Act. The conference report includes the following provisions:
"...a farmer will report two-thirds of his gross income where it is \$1,800 or less as his net income. Where his gross income is over \$1,800, he may report either his actual net income, or if his net income is less

than \$1,200 he may report \$1,200 as his net income.. ...permit members of farm partnerships to use the optional method of reporting.

"The conference agreement substantially follows the House-passed bill by providing that rentals will be credited as self-employment income where the owner or tenant of the land participates materially with the individual working the land in the production or the management of the production of an agricultural or horticultural commodity. Share farmers would be covered as self-employed persons.

"...farmworkers who, first, are paid \$150 or more in a calendar year by one employer; or, second, perform agricultural labor for an employer on 20 or more days during the calendar year for cash wages computed on a time basis would be covered.

"...accepted the Senate provision which would exclude from coverage agricultural workers from any foreign country who are admitted to the United States on a temporary basis.

"...provides for an exclusion from coverage of persons producing or harvesting gum resin products as provided in the Senate bill." (H. Rept. 2936). p. 13530

28. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Passed without amendment S. 3314, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 13550
29. MARKETING. Passed without amendment H. R. 8384, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, so as to include cranberries for canning or freezing processing. p. 13551
30. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION; SURPLUS COMMODITIES. Agreed to the Senate amendments to H. R. 12270, to authorize certain construction at military installations. The bill authorizes the Secretary of Defense to use for family housing in foreign countries, foreign currencies not to exceed \$250 million acquired pursuant to the provisions of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, or through other commodity transactions of the CCC. The Senate had passed this bill earlier in the day. This bill is now ready for the President. pp. 13346, D893
31. FISHERIES. Agreed to the conference report on S. 3275, to establish a sound and comprehensive national policy with regard to fisheries resources. p. D893
32. PERSONNEL. Both Houses received and agreed to the conference report on H. R. 7619, the executive pay and retirement bill. The conferees agreed to the salary items stated in Digest 124 (as passed by the Senate), except that they deleted the provision allocating 7 directors of CSS commodity offices at GS-16. However, they inserted a general provision for additional GS-16's so that the Civil Service Commission will be enabled to allocate the CSS positions at that grade if it determines that such grade is equitable. (H. Rept. 2935). This bill is now ready for the President. pp. 13406, 13519
Passed without amendment H. R. 11515, to provide for the payment of travel and transportation cost for persons selected for appointment to certain positions in the U. S. and Alaska. pp. 13486, 13559
33. FORESTRY. Rep. Hoffman received permission to file additional views on timber hearings before the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and the Government Operations Committee. p. 13477

enactment of H. R. 7225, are truly adequate to meet the ever-increasing problems of old age and disability.

Ever since coming to Congress 10 years ago, Mr. Speaker, I have been greatly concerned with the problems facing the older citizens of our Nation. The problem of old age is one of the most serious facing us today. The poet Browning wrote the famous line, "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be," but if we were to look at hard, cold facts today we could see that growing old brings on problems and complications which would test the strength of the youngest and strongest of us much less than that of the older person.

The problem of old age is of national concern. It touches each of us, young and old alike. Consider for a moment that since 1900 the number of persons over 65 has quadrupled while the total population has only doubled. From 1947 to 1952 the population aged 65 and over, increased an almost unbelievable 17 percent while the total population in that same time increased only 5 percent. By 1975 there will be more than 20 million Americans 65 and over. There are over 14 million today, and the average income for a man and his wife over 65 today—one of the 14 million—is only \$1,500. Their average savings are less than \$500. Millions of old folks, Mr. Speaker, living on such pitifully small incomes in these days of high costs of living. The situation is becoming, if it isn't already, a national disgrace.

During the last 50 years, our national economy has moved from one based primarily upon agriculture to one of huge industrialization, creating many new and unanticipated social problems, particularly with respect to our older persons who are being shunted more and more to an insecure, dependent and much too hopeless and helpless a position in our society. They are being deprived of work because of their age and being forced to retire prematurely when they have good, active years ahead of them. As a result, many of our older people have inadequate financial resources to maintain themselves and their families as independent and self-respecting members of their communities, are unable to find adequate housing for themselves and their families, are confronted with disabling health and medical problems, are driven by frustration and despair to private and public mental institutions and general hospitals, and are placed in increasing numbers on old-age assistance rolls.

Because of the enormity of the problem even further improvements in the social security system should be enacted. The program in operation today is not designed to adequately assist the Nation's older, disabled, and dependent citizens. Basically we are still operating under a 1935 law trying to solve the social security problems of 1956. We do all in our power to modernize our laws calling for highway construction, defense measures, and countless others, yet when it comes to the field of social welfare and social security we seem satisfied with things the way they are. It is no more logical to put the tremendous

traffic of today on the roads of 1920 than it is to try to solve the problem of today's aged and disabled with programs developed two decades ago. Present law just is not designed to solve the tremendous problem confronting us today.

For instance, lowering the age at which women become eligible for benefits as provided in H. R. 7225, while it is a significant improvement over existing law, does not go far enough. Ever since coming to Congress I have urged that the retirement age in general, for men and women alike, be lowered to age 60. I have introduced a bill, H. R. 4471, with such a provision. I hope the day is not too far off when we truly face up to the problem and lower the retirement age to 60 for everyone.

Allowing disabled persons to obtain benefits at age 50, another provision of H. R. 7225, is a fine, progressive improvement in present law. It is estimated that in the first year of operation disability insurance benefits will be payable to about 250,000 workers, amounting to \$200 million in benefits. Under the courageous leadership of Senator WALTER GEORGE this provision was retained in the Senate version of the bill in the face of determined opposition from the administration and an almost solid bloc of Republican votes against it. Actually, one could ask himself why must there be a disability age limit at all. When a person becomes totally disabled, bedridden, and unable to work, he is deserving of assistance. What we seem to be saying in H. R. 7225 is that a disabled person over 50 needs help, but a disabled person under 50 can take care of himself. Such is not the case, and everyone knows it. Yet the solution to the problem is shackled with this completely unrealistic age requirement. Disabled persons of whatever age need and deserve social security coverage and until such is the case, we will not be adequately discharging our duties to them. My bill, H. R. 4471, would entitle a disabled person to assistance at any age, and I am pleased to see such able leaders as Senator GEORGE, of Georgia, take a similar stand on this issue.

I was extremely pleased to see coverage extended to over 250,000 self-employed individuals and their families under H. R. 7225. This, again, is a great improvement and one I have long striven for. But we see once more the piecemeal approach to the problem. The real solution is to extend coverage to all persons—to enact a truly overall and comprehensive social security program for all today and not wait another few years to make a change here and a change there. The problem exists right now. We should not postpone the solution which we know to exist. Every moment lost just adds to the misery and tragedy of many of our older and disabled citizens. As Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Folsom has said, "Social legislation must change with changing social and economic conditions." These are fine sentiments, but we do not seem to be living up to them.

Apparently there are those who think we are unable to afford, from a financial standpoint, to take such a step toward

the solution of the problem. Is it possible that a nation as rich as ours cannot afford to provide security both financial and social to its older citizens who helped make it as rich and great as it is? I cannot believe that such is the case. Headlines blare out the good news that our economy is approaching the \$400 billion mark. But how much publicity is given the fact that nearly three-fourths of all Americans over 65 years of age either have no income of their own or receive less than \$1,000 a year? This is a sad commentary on our economy. While storage bins burst with surplus food, many of these older folks actually live on marginal or submarginal levels. I am convinced that our economy can withstand the expense of a real social security system.

In order for this Nation to continue to maintain the kind of liberty and freedom we have become accustomed to, Mr. Speaker, the Government must participate in programs which provide security for the individual against risks over which he has no control. It is not a negative concept of liberty or freedom which gives us our individual and collective strength, but rather the more positive approach involving the existence of those economic and social conditions necessary to enjoy the good life, and to exercise the privileges of free speech, press, and citizenship. We all know that a man who is unemployed, for instance, is far from free—that to him freedom is a hollow word hedged about with the misery which accompanies poverty and insecurity. By the same token we know that our old folks who live on a miserly old-age assistance pension are not really free and able to enjoy the liberties and rights which our form of government provides. Such problems as these led Franklin D. Roosevelt to observe that "in order to preserve our democratic institutions we need to prove that the practical operation of democratic government is equal to the task of protecting the security of the people." One group in America, Mr. Speaker, sorely in need of help in protecting such security is our older and disabled citizens. We must all be aware that millions of them have been watching and waiting to see whether this Congress would accept its responsibilities and enact legislation truly beneficial and helpful to the older folks. Some progress, indeed great progress has been made with the enactment of H. R. 7225. But we should not stop here. Having made such excellent progress this year I am confident that in the not too distant future we will see the dream of a truly comprehensive and adequate social-security program become a reality.

Mr. KNOX. Mr. Speaker, it is my purpose to support the adoption of the conference report on the social-security amendments of 1956, H. R. 7225, and in doing so would like to commend the House conferees in the work they did with the Senate conferees on this important and meritorious legislation.

It is my view that within the limits of the matters germane to the conference a very desirable bill has been brought back to the House of Representatives for final approval. In making this observa-

nearly as many cranberries and nearly as fine ones as we do in my district in New Jersey. This is a serious matter which deserves the support of the whole House.

Mr. NICHOLSON. Mr. Speaker, I have a telegram here from the American Farm Bureau Federation which supports the passage of this bill to include cranberries. It is addressed to the Honorable JOHN McCORMACK, a Member whom we all respect and admire and who thinks that this is a good bill.

Mr. PHILBIN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. PHILBIN. I want to compliment the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts for the excellent work he has done on this matter. I am in full agreement with everything he has said, and I intend to support his bill.

Mr. NICHOLSON. I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. The gentleman from Massachusetts has been a very able legislator and has served his country well in the Congress of the United States. He has presented a bill worthy of our consideration. It is in the best interest of the people he represents. I congratulate him on the statement he has made here today.

Mr. NICHOLSON. I certainly thank the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. HAYS of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield.

Mr. HAYS of Ohio. The gentleman spent 1 evening telling me about the cranberry industry and how difficult it was for the small growers to make any money. If this bill does anything to help them, I am for it.

Mr. NICHOLSON. I thank the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. DODD. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut.

Mr. DODD. I want to help the gentleman from Massachusetts. I am in favor of this measure. I think it is a sound one. I have had the opportunity to observe the gentleman now for two sessions. I think he is a remarkable and able legislator.

Mr. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina.

Mr. RIVERS. I want the gentleman to know I am going to vote for his bill. I do not know all the provisions in it, but I am certainly for it.

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield to the gentleman from Maine.

Mr. HALE. As a Representative from the State of Maine and one who has visited the gentleman's district, I want to commend the gentleman for bringing this bill to the floor.

Mr. MILLER of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield.

Mr. MILLER of Maryland. Can the gentleman tell us what the position of the Department of Agriculture is on his bill?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I do not have the least idea.

Mr. MILLER of Maryland. Can the gentleman give us some information as to why segments of the canning industry are opposed to it?

Mr. NICHOLSON. There are segments of the canning industry that are opposed to it. They always have been, because they are in a certain line of business, like canning corn, beans, fish, and a hundred and one other things, and they are afraid we want to get into that business. We have enough troubles with cranberries without inviting other troubles.

Mr. McINTIRE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield to the gentleman from Maine.

Mr. McINTIRE. I join with the gentleman in support of the legislation. I have been very much interested in the bill as it has been processed through the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. MARSHALL. I came over here for the purpose of voting against the gentleman's bill, but he has been so convincing in his arguments that I have changed my mind and am going to support it.

Mr. NICHOLSON. I thank the gentleman very much.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. ALBERT. This program has worked well with other products. I see no reason why cranberries should be discriminated against. I am for this bill.

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield.

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. I shall support the bill of the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. NICHOLSON].

With the exception of a few large cranberry corporations, the cranberry farmers of Wisconsin, as far as I can determine, are wholeheartedly in support of the legislation. As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I attended all the hearings on the bill and supported the legislation in the committee. I have also informed a great number of my colleagues in the House that this legislation is desired by the great majority of cranberry farmers in my State.

I am glad I had the opportunity to help my colleague [Mr. NICHOLSON] on the bill and I hope it passes.

Mr. NICHOLSON. I would like to thank my good friend and colleague, Mr. JOHNSON, of Wisconsin, for all the assistance he has given me on this bill. He has worked unceasingly with me in an effort to have action taken on this legislation during this session. I am sure that the cranberry growers in Mas-

sachusetts as well as the cranberry growers in Wisconsin appreciate his wholehearted support of this bill. The people of Wisconsin can be justly proud in having such a conscientious, hard-working legislator as LESTER JOHNSON representing them in Washington.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield to the gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. GROSS. May I say to the gentleman I support his bill because I want to support the farmers of Massachusetts, and I hope the gentleman will help support the farmers of Iowa.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. McCORMACK. The gentleman from Massachusetts is evidencing great leadership in the way he is handling this bill on the floor. I join with the gentleman, and sincerely hope the bill will pass overwhelmingly by a voice vote.

Mr. COLMER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi.

Mr. COLMER. I should like to associate myself with the remarks of the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCORMACK]. May I add that if this bill passes, as we hope it will, it will be because of the great popularity of the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. NICHOLSON].

Mr. REED of New York. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield.

Mr. REED of New York. I just want to say that the gentleman from Massachusetts has been my friend over the years, and I would vote for the bill even if it were a bad bill.

Mr. McDONOUGH. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield.

Mr. McDONOUGH. I want to inform the gentleman I have enjoyed my association with him as a committee colleague, and I have enjoyed the popularity that he has in the House of Representatives. I think he has earned the support and respect of this House, and I hope his bill passes.

Mr. CANFIELD. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NICHOLSON. I yield.

Mr. CANFIELD. I am for this bill both on a personal and on a merit basis. The gentleman now in the well of the House who is the sponsor of this bill represents the Cape Cod district. I love to spend my summers in Cape Cod and when I go up to Cape Cod I delight in telling friends up there that I am a personal friend of their Congressman and for me that has been an open sesame.

Mr. NICHOLSON. Mr. Speaker, this takes a two-thirds vote and I hope it is unanimous.

Mr. AUGUST H. ANDRESEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 10 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, we have had such a fine testimonial meeting here that I am rather reluctant to say anything about this bill. It is very disturbing to me to have to oppose my very good friend from

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AN ACT

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To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to pay expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation and related matters, but such Committee members (other than ex officio members) shall not be deemed to be employees of the United States and shall not receive compensation.

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